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Driver of vehicle that hit CCSO patrol SUV last week in Elba facing multiple charges

Jordan Singleton, age 23, of Elba was the alleged driver of the vehicle that crashed last Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, into a Coffee County Sheriff's Department Tahoe in Elba. The two-vehicle accident occurred on Davis Street, and Singleton reportedly fled the scene of the accident after the collision.

A passenger in Singleton's vehicle was treated for injuries. A short time after Singleton fled the scene of the accident, law enforcement officials engaged in

EPD arrests two from Covington County on multiple drug charges

Elba Police arrested two suspects Wednesday, Feb. 8, on receiving stolen property and drug possession charges.

Kristina Miller, age 31, of Andalusia, Ala., was arrested by Elba Police and charged with receiving stolen property – first degree [\$5,000 bond], two counts of possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond for each count], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond]. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 1:20 p.m. last Wednesday.

As of press time this week, both suspects remained as inmates in the Coffee County Jail.

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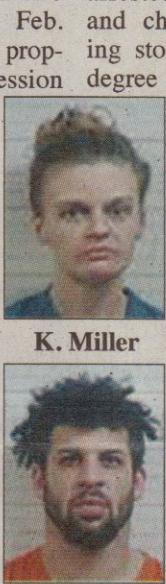
a search for him were able to locate and arrest him.

Singleton was charged with attempting to elude – with death or injury [\$15,000 bond], felony failure to remain at the scene of an accident with injury [\$15,000 bond], certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm [\$15,000 bond], driving with a suspended driver's license [\$500 bond], improper lane usage [\$500 bond], reckless driving [\$1,000 bond], three counts of bond revocation

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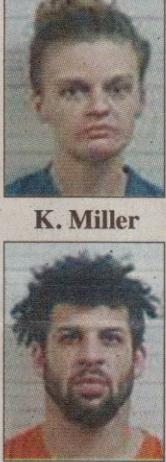
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City of Elba Trash Pickup progresses

Elba City Clerk Sally Bane reported to the Elba City Council Monday night, Feb. 13, that it had taken the street department approximately six weeks to complete a "full pickup" of trash along the roadways within the city. She said hopefully this process would move quicker in the future, but she would continue to be update daily.

CPYRMA releases 10-year rainfall averages

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow River Watershed Management Authority has released the ten-year average rainfall for the 23 rain gauges in operation within Southeast Alabama, beginning in 2013 and continuing through 2022.

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The highest rainfall in the Pea River drainage area was the 34.12 reading recorded

News Brief

On Sunday, Feb. 12, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Cierra Hayden, age 35, of Elba, Ala., on multiple charges, according to Coffee County Jail records.

Hayden was charged with tampering with physical evidence [\$3,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], DUI – controlled substance [\$1,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

Jail records show she was booked into the jail at 6:08 a.m. Sunday morning and released on bond at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13th.



ELBA LADY TIGERS ADVANCE... The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Georgiana Lady Panthers in Class 1A Sub-Region play Monday evening, Feb. 13, and the Tigers came out on top with a 55-30 win. The win advanced Elba to the Regional semi-finals Thursday, Feb. 16, at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Ala. Above, the Lady Tigers played "keep away" late in the game from the Lady Panthers to help seal the big win.



Coffee County Commissioners are pictured here with Career Technical Education student leaders from Elba High School that attended Monday's commission meeting. The students are (from left) Dalton Grantham, Mikyla Daniels, Faith Adcock, and Zalie McKelvy. Standing behind the students are commissioners Sonny Moore, Jimmy Jones, Tom Grimsley, Dean Smith, Kim Ellis, and Jim Thompson.

CCC recognizes Career Technical Education month

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners on Monday, Feb. 13, presented proclamations to the local public schools recognizing February as Career Technical Education Month.

Student and teacher representatives from Elba, Enterprise, Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton schools were recognized, and commissioners encouraged the students in attendance to find a trade/career that makes them happy and pursue it.

According to the proclamation, Career Technical Education provides students with a school-to-career connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce. Also, Coffee

Coffee County Extension Office to host...

A Feral Swine Control Workshop will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala., from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. This will be a lunch and learn meeting. Come learn about the Alabama Feral Swine Control Program – what works and what doesn't in feral swine trapping and elimination, along with cost share opportunities offered by Soil Water Conservation. Lunch will be provided for all who register by calling the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596.

County Commissioners recognized that Career Technical Education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of job skills, thus improving the quality of their education and offering leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities.

Commission chairman Dean Smith said, "Career Technical Education pro-

grams in each of the school systems in Coffee County have become a rigorous, progressive, and vital part of the total educational system and are committed to helping students develop valuable career and life skills."

At the conclusion of Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, the students were honored with refreshments provided by the county.

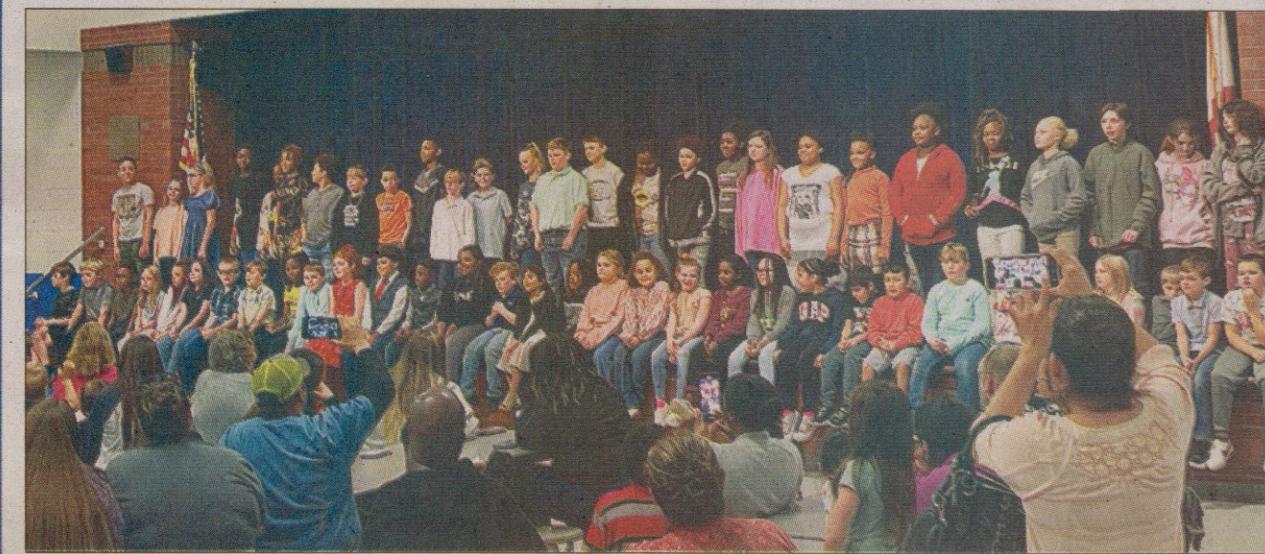
Area Happenings

The 2023 Miss Elba Pageants will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 5 p.m., from the Elba High School auditorium. Queens will be crowned in the categories of Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Young Miss, Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Elba.

The February 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center, New Brockton. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6 followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Alabama Works will host an ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair on Thursday, March 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Elba High School. This is open to the public. Space is limited to 25 employers. Register at: <https://seaw.me/ElbaJobFair2023>

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m., at the National Security Group Conference Center. A donation of \$5 per plate is requested. Dine-in or takeout.



Elba Elementary School hosted a "Parents Night" last Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, and during the event, the third and fifth grade students provided a musical performance for the parents (shown above). Also, parents were able to talk with faculty and staff, visit their child's classroom, see their work, and learn how they, the parents, can help in improving their child's ACAP test scores and their grades. School leaders said there was a great turnout for the event, and they enjoyed having all the parents/guardians on campus. "Being involved in your child's education makes all the difference," EES principal Kenya Martin said. She said it takes all working together to achieve full success having so many parents attend the Parent Night event was very encouraging for the teachers and administrators. Also, school leaders said the students seemed to really enjoy having their parents come see their work during the event. This is just one of many events the school hopes to host in an effort to keep parents engaged in their child's education. More photos from the Parents Night event can be found on Page 3 of today's paper.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace." - Aristotle

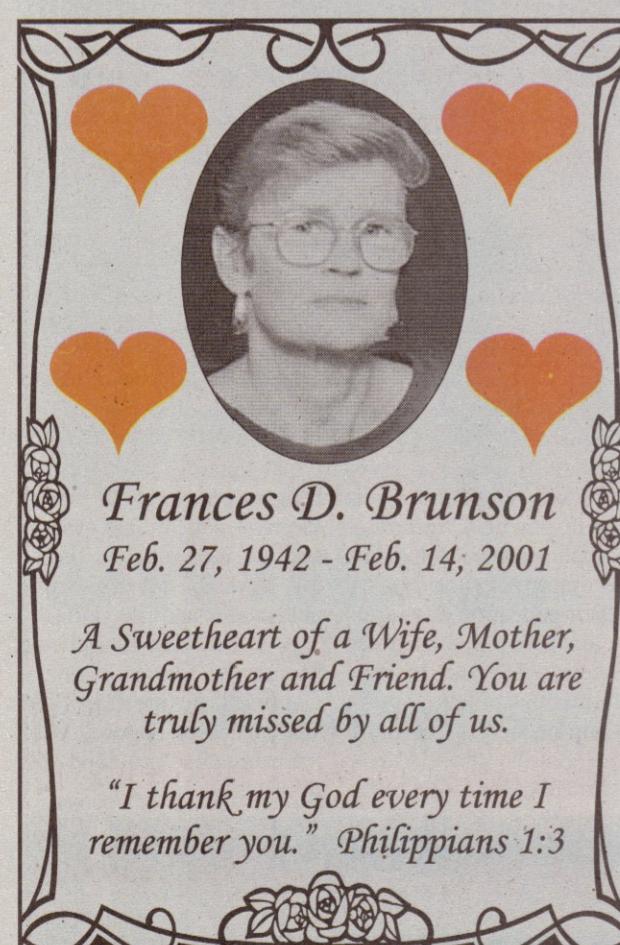
A social media story about a year ago Valentine's Day card triggered a memory from our past. Somewhere in some old box or folder we have one such card given (or sent) to our dad and judging from the handwriting it was during his elementary school days. The card is signed by a classmate and is just a plain Valentine's Day card that children send to all their classmates and other friends. We don't know why this card was saved from all those years ago, nor why mother kept it after dad's death, but when we first discovered it, we paused, held it in our hand and let our imagination run wild. We pictured this eight, nine or ten-year-old girl passing out cards in class, even assigned her a cotton dress with designs printed on the skirt. Hopefully this card will resurface one day.

The earthquake in Turkey and adjoining Syria have resulted in over 35,000 deaths as of Tuesday morning. Searchers continue to be elated when they dig out another survivor. Last week they found a whole family that had been trapped for over a week. Even as these miracles continue to crop up, unrest in Turkey grows. Many citizens are protesting the government's failure to enforce building codes that could have possibly prevented some recently constructed building from collapsing and taking so many lives. They claim, with the president's blessings, inspectors looked the other way and allowed money-saving shortcuts that compromised the strength of the buildings. This should be a lesson to governments, inspectors, etc., all over the world that lives matter more than anything else.

Social media is at it again! The unexplained appearance, and shooting down, of at least four balloons in the skies of the United States in recent weeks has gotten people's imagination in high gear. Posting about it on social media has exploded like wildfire! Now we are having government officials trying to field questions, and deny the balloons are UFO's. Adding to this fire is the lack of explanations of exactly what, or why, these objects are suddenly appearing in our skies. To say, "we just haven't noticed them before," doesn't make sense, as NORAD and other agencies are constantly scanning the skies, 24-7. Having been inside the NORAD center in Colorado, we know there are banks of computer screens stacked everywhere, constantly recording different parts of the sky and putting out alerts when an unknown blip appears on a monitor.

Elba city officials have not announced any plans for re-establishing any recycling program. The only comments we have heard is that ceasing the recycling didn't increase landfill fees "much". What is not mentioned is the long-term negative impact on the environment... for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!



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The Moore You Know - Editorial Column from Rep. Barry Moore

(Barry Moore represents the 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House)

President Biden may think the state of our union is strong, but under the Biden administration, our nation is broke, woke, and an international joke. As his State of the Union address to Congress made clear, he is more focused on increasing the power of Big Government than addressing the concerns

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, and Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Domestic complaint reported at 626 Mullins Circle (8:11 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1477 Country Club Way (4:05 p.m.); Traffic accident reported near 716 W Davis St (4:25 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 626 Mullins Circle (7:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 409 Adkinson Ave (10:28 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Suspicious person reported on Martin Luther King Dr - w/arrest (7:13 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 960 Carver Dr (12:57 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Caroline St (7:02 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 214 Factory Ave - w/arrest (7:45 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 735 Dixon St (9:06 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Cedar Lane Dr (11:04 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one written warning, one arrest, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Suspicious circumstances reported on Virgil Coleman Dr (5:22 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 975 Smith Ave (4:20 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 975 Smith Ave (5:04 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1019 Drayton Ave (8:11 p.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (10:05 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, three citations, four verbal warnings, and one assistance rendered.

Friday, Feb. 10 - Harassment reported at 990

of working Americans and spy balloon to traverse the continental United States. He did not outline a plan to address our economic struggles or the porous border allowing fentanyl into our communities, nor speak meaningfully about our continued subsidization of the war between Russia and Ukraine. The American people deserve to know

Biden barely gave lip service to the border crisis, historic inflation, record crime, skyrocketing energy costs, and our collapsing geopolitical standing instigated by his weak diplomacy and foreign policy blunders - most recently, allowing a Chinese

Last month I joined several colleagues on the House floor to speak about the hardships many veterans and their families are facing with Tricare. The negotiations between Express Scripts on behalf of the Department of Defense and independently owned pharmacies is leading to it being prohibitively difficult for veterans to get the prescriptions they need. This is unacceptable, and I have been vocal on the need for the DOD to step up and resolve this issue.

what the Biden administration will consider 'success,' and how we will get there.

The House Judiciary Committee held its first hearing of the 118th Congress on the Biden border crisis. I was honored to take part and be chosen by Chairman Jim Jordan to chair portions of the hearing. Our witnesses revealed the extent that criminal cartels not just profit, but effectively run our open border, as well as the human cost suffered by border residents, individuals and families of those smuggled or trafficked by the cartels, and Americans in communities all over the nation being impacted by deadly fentanyl coming across the border.

As one of our witnesses, an Arizona sheriff, vividly detailed, law enforcement does not have the resources necessary to do their jobs, and policies from this administration are purposefully hampering their ability to enforce the law. Make no mistake, President Biden owns this border crisis.

Cuzin Lou Lou had to take the week off...She was hiding from Cupid's arrow! Lou Lou will return next week with a new Yonder tale!! Until then... God Bless & Keep Smiling



This group of Career Technical students from Zion Chapel School also attended the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Feb. 13, as commissioners proclaimed February as Career Technical Education Month. Pictured with the Zion Chapel students are Coffee County Commissioners.

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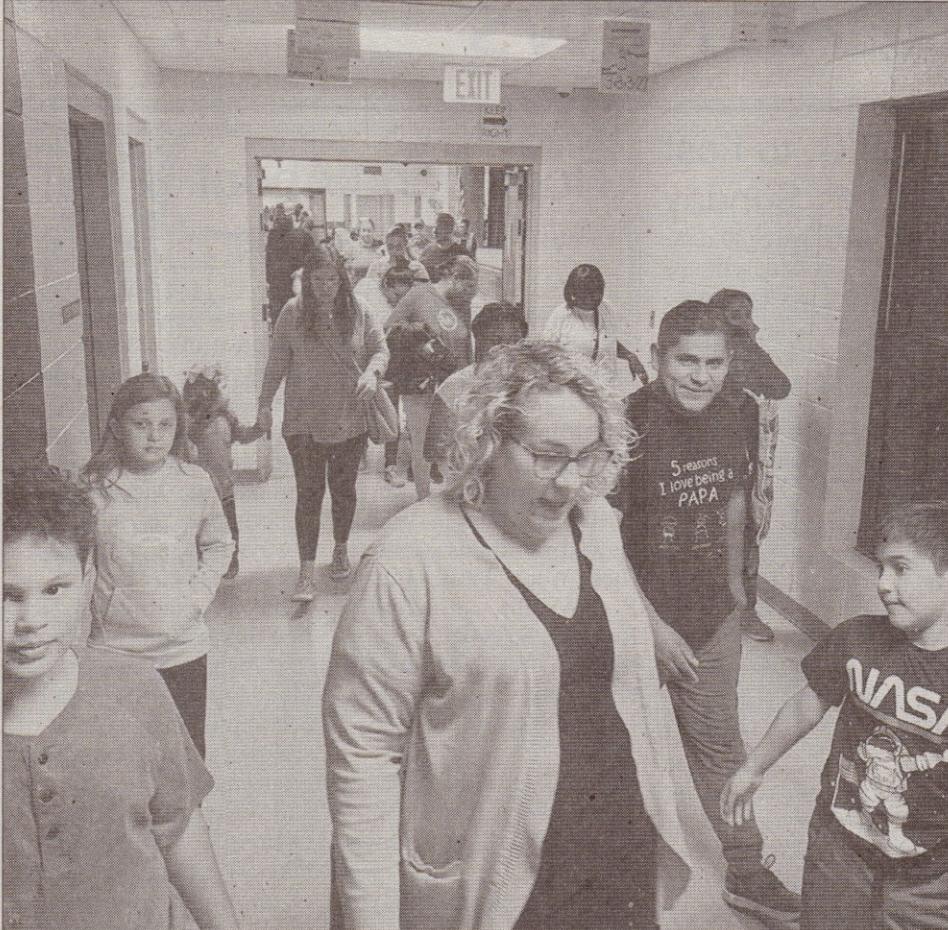
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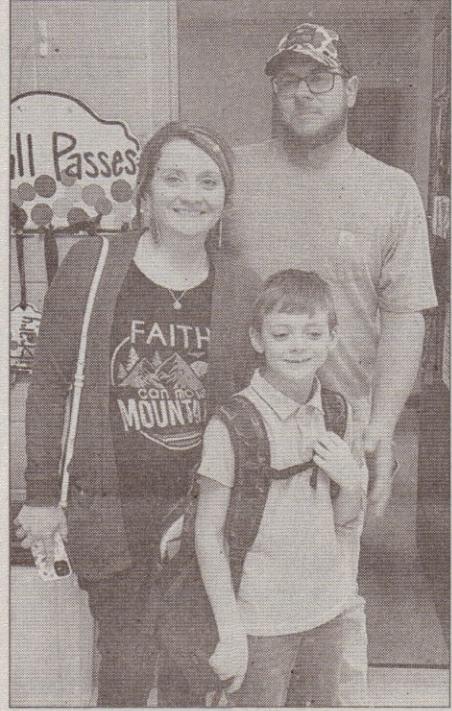
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Parents and students are off to meet with their teachers and get an update on the students' progress this school year.



Kip Brunson with his parents, Mark and Ashley Brunson at Parent Night.



Parrish Grantham was excited to show off some of her work to her parents, Neil and DeAnn Grantham.

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Proper Etiquette in Responding to a Friend's Loss on Facebook
Social media helps us feel more connected these days. But what happens when you are scrolling through your news feed and discover one of your friends has suffered the loss of a loved one?

One of the easiest things you can do is like their post. Now you often have options and can leave a "hug" or "sad face." This can let your friend know you are thinking about them. If you do want to comment on their post, there are some proper etiquette rules you should follow.

Keep it short and sweet. Something simple like, "thinking of you and your family" or "sending love and hugs" will do.

Follow the family's lead. Wait until someone from the immediate family posts something before commenting or posting on your own.

Focus on your friend. Don't talk about your own loss or try to compare what they are going through to something you have been through.

If you knew the person who died, share a short memory or something you admired about the person. Something like, "I'll miss her jokes and stories" or "It will be hard not seeing his smiling face at the office anymore" is good. Don't go overboard and leave a long, detailed message.

Send a private message. If you want to say more, you can always send a private message.

Don't say things like "he's in a better place." Even if you know the beliefs of your friends (and you know this is something they believe as well), in times of grief and loss statements like this may invalidate your friend's feelings. Give your friend room to grieve however that happens for them.

Don't ask questions. This isn't the time or place to ask what happened. Stick to words that will comfort your friend.

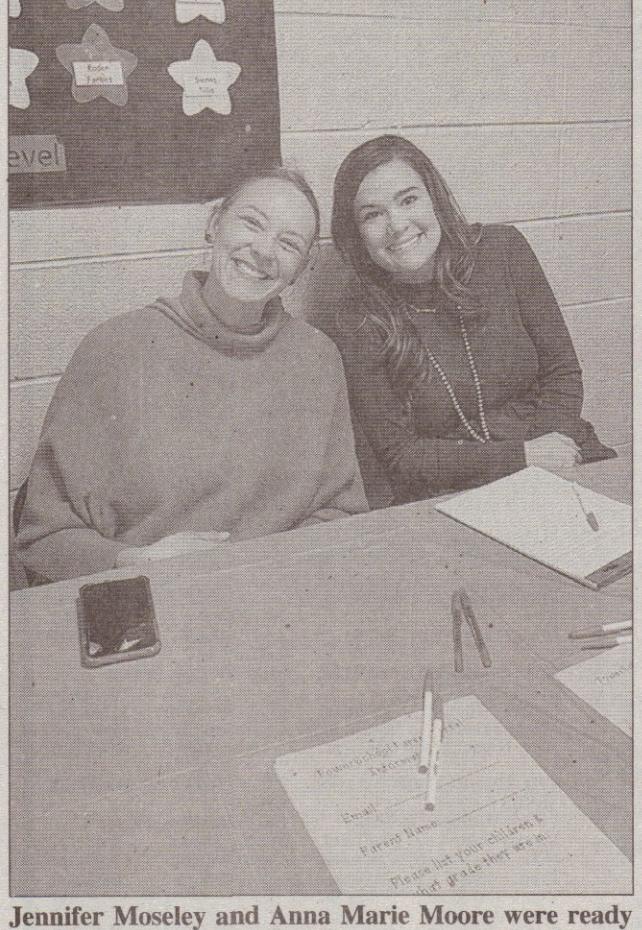
Don't tag the deceased. While it might feel like you are honoring the deceased, it may be an unwelcome reminder for others. And keep in mind that whatever you post on the deceased's wall will be viewable to all their friends and family members.

Most importantly, remember to keep checking in on your friend. The impact of the loss of a loved one is felt forever. Make sure to check in on your friend in the weeks and months after the loss and offer support, even if it's through a Facebook message.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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The Elba Parks and Recreation also participated in the EES Parent Night. Programs coordinator for Elba Parks and Rec was on hand to assist parents in getting their kids signed up to play youth baseball/softball this upcoming season.



Jennifer Moseley and Anna Marie Moore were ready to help parents with PowerSchool Portal sign-up and answer any other questions during last week's Parents Night at EES.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

CHARLIE MERRITT

Mr. Charlie Merritt, of Enterprise, Ala., died Feb. 1, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2023, at the Enterprise Civic Center with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Charlie Walter Merritt was born on May 7, 1948 in Pike County Ala., to James David Merritt Sr., and Mable Seymore Merritt. Charlie was a faithful member of Beth-El Faith Church where he served in many capacities to include Deacon Board Chairman.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Merritt Jr.; and sister, Bruness Rudolph. Survivors include his wife of 51 years: Mary Merritt; daughter: Charlotte Merritt; sister: Patricia Madison; brother: Varnor (Annie) Merritt; sister-in-law: Juanita Merritt; uncle: James Seymore; aunts: Mildred Christen and Ethel Shaver; in-laws: Walter (Doris) Franklin, Doristine Sankey, Raymond (Sarah) Franklin, Ronnie (Brendelyn) Franklin, Patricia Wright, Clinton (Melanie) Franklin, Kimberly (Bryant) White; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

DENNIS SHUMAN

Mr. Dennis Shuman, age 69, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. Dennis was employed by the Coffee County Board of Education for over two decades, where he served as custodian for the Zion Chapel Schools.

Memorial services will be held Friday evening, Feb. 17, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. His family will receive friends from 5-6 p.m. on Friday at Hayes Funeral Home.

Mr. Shuman was preceded in death by his parents,

Gwendolyn and Herbert Shuman, along with a brother, Jody Shuman.

Survivors include his two daughters: SaLena (David) Embry, Enterprise, Ala., and Christina Weber, Elba, Ala.; a granddaughter: Aubrey Weber, Enterprise; a grandson: Weston (Haleigh) Shuman, Fort Drum, NY; his siblings: Dale Shuman, Michael Shawn Shuman, Neil Shuman, Matthew Shuman, and Bonnie Shuman, all of Fla.

JAMES FRANKLIN MILES

Mr. James Franklin Miles, age 56, of Montgomery, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at residence.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. directing.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Vernon Miles.

Survivors include his wife: Cindy Childre, Montgomery; mother: Angelia Miles (Robert) Brightwell, Montgomery; daughter: Delana Nichole (Daniel) Hart, Geneva, Ala.; brother: Charles (Mayra) Miles, Oakland, Fla.; sisters: Hope (Justin) Trader, Alabaster, Ala., and Kimberly (Jason) Ganitano, Enterprise, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

BERTHA MAE OSBORNE

Mrs. Bertha Mae Osborne, age 79, of Newton, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at her residence.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Dwight Johnson officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her daughters: Tammy (Jeff) Driggers, Andalusia, Ala., and Cheryl (Ricky) Paschal, Newton, Ala.; sons: Andy (Kathy) Osborne, Little

Rock, Ark., and William Osborne Jr., Enterprise, Ala.; grandsons: William (Erin) Osborne, Newton, Ala., Tyler (Sara) Osborne, N. Little Rock, and Stephen (Megan) Driggers, Kinston, Ala.; granddaughters: Krystal Zapata, Conrow, Texas, Chelsea (Rex) Littlefield, Enterprise, and Cortnee (Clint) Pugh, Troy, Ala.; brothers: Dale Barker, Winter Haven, Fla., and Johnny Roberts, NC; and a sister: Mary Holland, Deland, Fla.

New website helps locate free COVID-19 testing sites

The Alabama Department of Public Health continues to encourage COVID-19 vaccines and boosters in addition to testing and treatment.

A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Testing Locator website allows the public to search and locate free COVID-19 testing sites near them. The site locator is part of the CDC Increasing Community Access to Testing program which focuses on communities at a greater risk of being impacted by the pandemic.

Tests offered may include laboratory-based nucleic acid amplification tests, including polymerase chain reaction tests and rapid antigen point-of-care testing. Results are typically provided within 24-48 hours. Testing is available at pharmacies, commercial laboratory sites, community sites and retail locations.

COVID-19 testing is available at no cost at these sites to people with or without health insurance who are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The tests are billed to third-party payers, such as Medicare, Medicaid and private health insurers. People without health insurance do not have to pay for COVID-19 testing at these locations. County health departments also offer COVID-19 testing.

Consumers can access the Testing Locator at <https://testinglocator.cdc.gov/>. To find vaccine sites near you, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God

Occasionally, while preaching, I will say something that immediately makes me think "Where did that come from?". These are times when something is said that is to come from God, because I'm not smart enough for it to come from me. A while back, I began making a list of these to use as resource when needed. One of those I will use today: "Worship isn't determined by how things are, but by who God is."

So many things in life change. We have highs and lows, good times and bad. We have seasons of great victories, and times of seeming defeat. Circumstances change, people change. Political leaders change. Culture changes. With the swirls of uncertainty and the winds of change, we need something to hold on to; something that will keep us stable. We need someone who is unchanging; someone we can count on. Someone who is worthy of our worship. That is why our worship is directed to God, and with great confidence.

The book of Hebrews was written to a group of disillusioned, discouraged Christians. Things had been tough, and they were thinking about stepping back from Jesus, and settling for their former way of life. The writer's theme was, in essence, "You have been looking at circumstances, and not at Jesus. Jesus is worthy of your worship." In Hebrews 13:8 he (or she) reminded the group that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Life changes. Jesus never has, and never will! At Hebrews 6:17-19 we read "God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls."

That is a lot of encouragement. That is a lot of truth! That is why "Worship isn't determined by how things are, but by who God is."

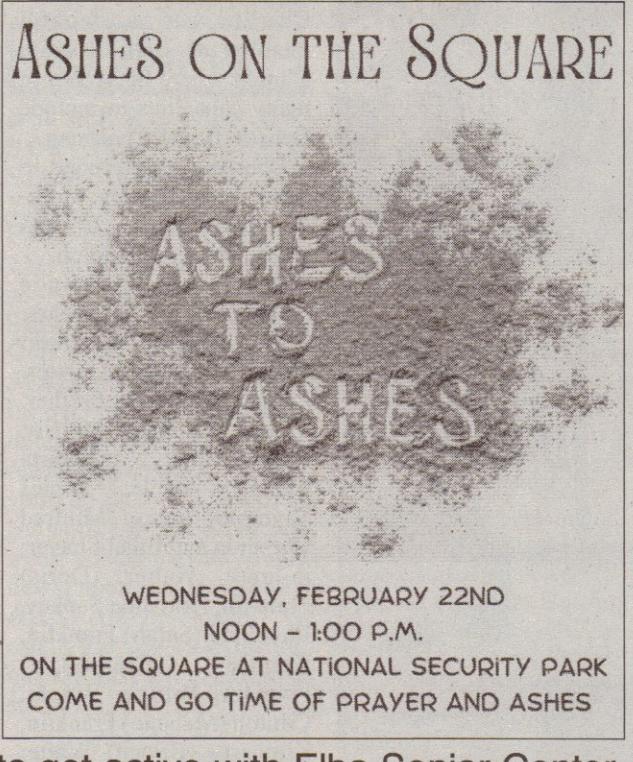
Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

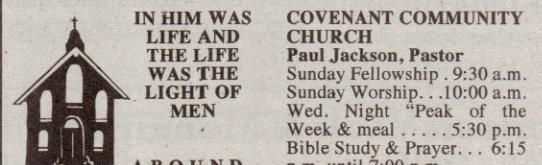
To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new

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Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thornt Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remona Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Renau, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

LeWell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

HERON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Vietnam Vets Chapter 373 announces Feb. 25th meeting plans in Ozark, Ala.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 will meet Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m., at the Friends of Army Aviation Hangar in Ozark, Ala., located at 189 Heritage Way, in the conference room.

There will not be an optional breakfast at this meeting due to the Friends of Army Aviation being out of town for an airshow. The date of the meeting was changed due to a conflict

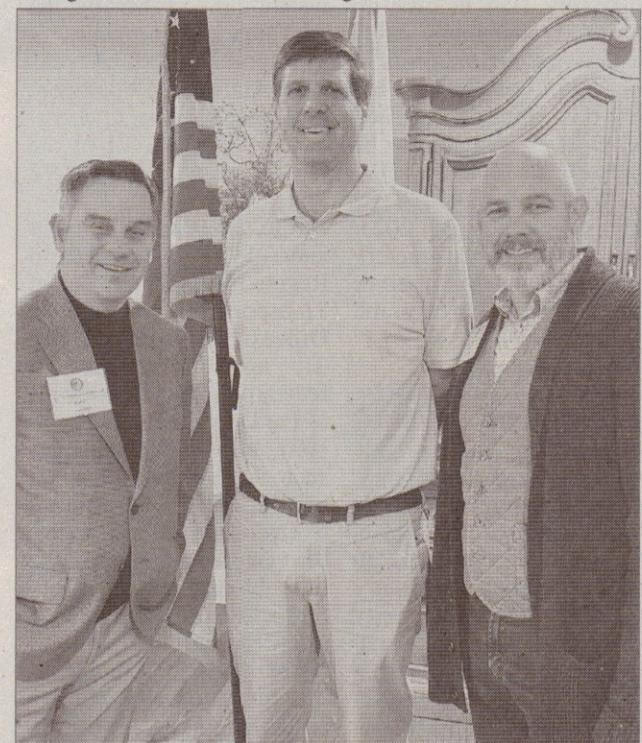
with the VVA State Council meeting.

The Feb. 25th meeting is open to members and those that served in the Republic of Vietnam (Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975) and ear veterans in any duty location between (Aug. 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975) interested in Vietnam veterans' issues.

For additional information, contact bob.bcooper@gmail.com



On Monday, Feb. 13, seniors with the New Hope Senior Center attended the Sweetheart Bingo sponsored by the soldiers spouses club of Fort Rucker. This event was held at the Enterprise Country Club. Pictured above are the seniors with their prizes. Joyce Lee (below, left) was the grand prize winner of the smart tv. Also, the longest married couple was Michael and Shirley Matthews (below, right). Everyone had a fantastic day! We are thankful to this wonderful group of ladies for hosting this event annually. Special thanks to our driver Penny Price.



The Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) met Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Enterprise Country Club. The guest speaker was Coffee County Administrator Rod Morgan, who presented an overview of Coffee County government, to include budget, revenue, elections, and services offered to citizens. The next CCRC meeting is March 11, 8:30 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club. For more information, contact Ed Foy at 334-494-4663. Pictured above, left to right: Coffee County Republican Committee Chairman Ed Foy, Rod Morgan, and CCRC Vice-Chair Matt Chancery.

Pre-Registration underway for next year's Pre-K program at Elba Elementary School

Pre-Registration is underway for the FIRST CLASS PRE-K, Alabama Voluntary Pre-K Program at Elba City Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Online pre-registrations are being accepted until March 23, 2023. Enrollment is open to all children four years of age or before Sept. 1, 2023. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for Pre-K.

Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residence – either a current utility bill or a copy of a lease or mortgage. Public school system Pre-K programs have zoning requirements that determine eligibility for attending a program at a particular school.

There is no registration fee.

Upon enrollment, a child's immunization record must be provided to the school or program. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Pre-register online for the Elba Elementary School program at: <https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov>

Acceptance into a First Class Pre-K program is strictly through random drawing. Elba Elementary School will conduct its drawing March 24, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

Be Kind!

SARCOA program on inflation set for Feb. 22nd at Elba Sr. Citizens Center

SARCOA [South Alabama Regional Council on Aging] will host an "Inflation Fighting Program" at the Elba Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Elba Senior Center is located at 304 Factory Avenue, Elba.

Inflation is creating hardships for many. Every day, the cost of groceries, gasoline, prescription drugs, medical care and cable continues to rise.

There are programs for lower income older adults than can potentially add



EHS Class of '66



Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 met Tuesday, Feb. 14, on Valentine's Day, for their monthly breakfast gathering at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. All reportedly enjoyed good food and fellowship. Those present included: Jerry Brown, Jerome Blackmon, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, Judy Galimore, Kenneth Baker, Pam Vaughan Baker, Sara Warr Strong, Bobby Edmondson, John Lawless, Terry Calhoun, Butch Oggs, Eddie Thompson, and Neal Hutto. Not pictured: Roger Boothe.

ELBA Neighborhood

Job Fair

Thursday, March 2nd

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Elba High School

Space is limited to 25 employers. Register at: <https://seaw.me/ElbaJobFair2023>

This event is open to the public

Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 11 a.m.:
Memorial Service for Tim Mitchell. Lunch at 12 (Noon) followed by Tribal Meeting 1 p.m. Zoom will have prior approval for use. Mandatory SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY OR OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.:
Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have 4 classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. Second class in a series of five classes.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

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Email resume with cover letter to TeamOne@tcrchildcare.org



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HELP WANTED

The City of Elba's Street Department is now accepting applications for the position of:

City Laborer

Job Summary: Assist the Street Department with any jobs that need to be done.

Qualifications:

- Willingness to learn different jobs within the street department.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Able to work in adverse weather conditions.
- Valid Driver's License.

Benefits: The City of Elba offers BCBS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holiday pay.

Salary: Based on experience and qualifications.

Applications are available at:

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or at www.elbaal.gov/job-opportunities.All applications should be submitted to City Hall either in person or via email to: info@elbaal.gov.

Opening Date: 02/06/2023 Closing Date: Until Filled

EOE



The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the position of:

Part-Time Seasonal Mosquito Truck Driver



Job Summary: Driving the mosquito truck through the city spraying for mosquitoes from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Qualifications: Valid Driver's License.

Salary: \$7.25 per hour

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LEGAL NOTICES

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SECTION 00020

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, AL09-P107-501-22 until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the central office of the Authority, 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama 36323 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII, HUD Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-22. The Work of the base bid shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the replacement of HVAC units and work incidental thereto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

SELLING A RV, Tractor or Golf Cart? ADVERTISE STATEWIDE or by region in over 100 Newspapers, reaching over 1 million readers each week! Run your ad in our Classified Network for just \$210 per week! Make one call to this newspaper (participating Ala-SCAN newspaper) or call 1-800-264-7043 to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide!

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Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must include the representations, certifications, and other statements of bidders, 1992 edition, non-collusive affidavit and the previous participation certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The housing authority of the city of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the housing authority of the city of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of

the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba

By: Laurie Chapman
Title: Executive Director
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NOTICE The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2023 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go to the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract.

All bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 24, 2023. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage, Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 P.M. Thursday, February 23, 2023. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34

UNIT A50 - ROY FEARS

HHG

UNIT A45 SEQUITA

PERKINS HHG

UNIT A15 AMY BOWERS

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Notice to Contractors

Federal Aid Project No.

STPN-1623(250)

COFFEE COUNTY,

ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 24, 2023 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Strip on CR-636 from the junction of SR-87 to the junction of SR-27 south of Enterprise. Length 8.985 mi.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the housing authority of the city of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable surety companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and safety standards act and its implementing regulations.

A bidding proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$5.00 per set. Plans and proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

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The bracket estimate on this project is from \$1,491,127 to \$1,822,489.

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the federal highway act.

Plans and specifications are on file in room E-108 of

the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM, on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4

and Title 49 code of Federal

Regulations, Department of

Transportation, Subtitle A,

Office of the Secretary, Part

21, nondiscrimination in

federally-assisted programs

of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER

Transportation Director

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TIGER Tales



Miss Elbala (by *Rebeckah Duncan*)...The Miss Elbala pageant was held on Saturday, Feb. 4th. This is an annual pageant held as a fundraiser for the *Elbala* yearbook. The winners of this year's pageant are pictured as follows: (top, l to r) Kendra Juarez and Payton Parks; (bottom, l to r) Laiken Harrelson, Ava Astemborski, and Piper Astemborski. Congratulations to all of these wonderful girls.

Student Spotlight

by *Conner Herrington and Keaton Poole*



Stella Edgar

8th Grade, Age 14

What do you love about EHS? The thing I love about EHS is the sports program, along with me playing volleyball, it's the fans and excitement that makes it great.

What do you like to do in your free time? I love spending time with my family and friends.

What clubs and organizations are you involved in at EHS? I'm in band and show choir.

What are your plans for the future? My plans are to go to the University of Alabama or Troy University to become a teacher.

What is your favorite



These students participated in the PowerSouth Essay Contest. They are: Zalie McKelvy, Adelyn O'Neal, Chloe Blaylock, Haylee Tucker, and Clayton Parker.

Five Elba students place in PowerSouth essay competition

by *Sean Oates and Thessa Kiewit*

This year, five Elba High School students competed and placed in the PowerSouth Essay Competition. The topic of this year's essay was "Our Energy Future".

The contestants had to include information about the future of electricity generation technologies, and consumer usage habits. This year's Elba winner, Zalie McK-

ely, will be moving on to the Montgomery Youth Tour event set for March 14-16 and to the Washington Youth Tour set for June 18-23.

Also, this year's runner up, Adelyn O'Neal, will also be attending the Montgomery Youth Tour. The first, second and third alternates from Elba High School include Chloe Blaylock, Haylee Tucker, and Clayton Parker.

Band Member Spotlight

by *Jonas Magana & Keaton Poole*



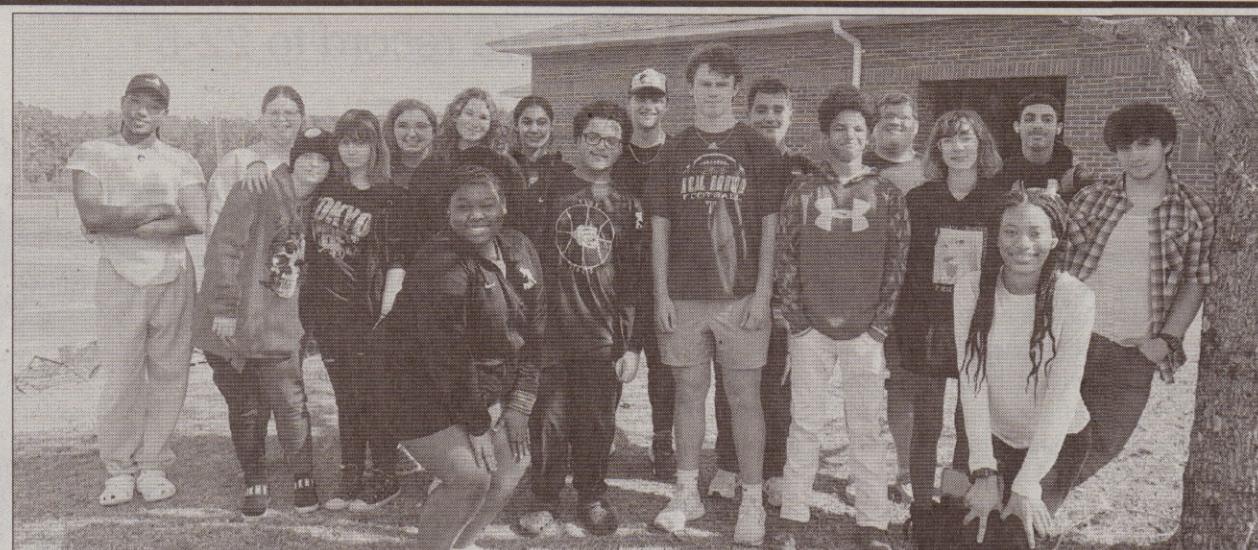
Ava Staver

What was your reaction to getting into the state honor band? I always expect and hope for the best. So, I was very proud to receive the chance to represent Elba one more year at state.

How was the atmosphere at Honor Band? Honor bands are a choice and something to work for. The students who attend have earned their places and want to be there, which results in a band full of many musically skilled individuals who value music. That is something the band as a whole really exhibits.

What instrument do you

ELBA SCHOOL NEWS



The second semester Tiger Tales staff includes (left to right): Sean Oates, Rachel Brunson, Tessa Glasgow, Tessa Walden, Rebeckah Duncan, Thessa Kiewit, Ja'Siyah Reed, Ivony Myrick, Izaiah Johnson, Keaton Poole, Ty Sieving, Jonas Magana, Jacob Ledbetter, Conner Herrington, Mary Shull, Jah' Haire Walker, Jayce Jones, Brian Hunter

New Tiger Tales staff introduced for second semester

by *Tessa Glasgow*

Elba High is excited to bring back the *Tiger Tales* page for the second semester of the school year.

Staff members are looking forward to keeping the Elba community informed about all of the great things happening at Elba High School. Mrs. Stephanie Wright's digital marketing class will be informing the community on all

Faculty Spotlight

by *Ivony Myrick and Rachel Brunson*

How many years have you been teaching: I spent the first 10 years of my career in special education. I have been in the classroom for the past two years.

Where did you go to college? I earned my undergraduate degree from Liberty University, my Master's from Troy University, and am currently enrolled at West Alabama pursuing a Certificate in Instructional Leadership.

What is your degree? My degrees are in Special Education K-12; however, I am certified in Special Education and English Language Arts 6-12.

Tell us about your family: I am married to Gid Zorn from Florala, Ala. We have two daughters, Madison (a pharmacy student at Auburn University), Ally (9th grade at NBHS),



Amanda Zorn

9th-12th Grade English

and a son-in-law, Grant (Ag Teacher at Enterprise High School). We also have two miniature Goldendoodles named Murphy and Marley.

What do you love about EHS? I love how easily our students connect with people. When I first came to Elba High School, the students and faculty really welcomed me here. They made me feel like I had always been a part of this community.

I also love how involved our students are. Almost all of our students are involved in something here at EHS. I love watching them support their school while doing the things they love. I also enjoy seeing them involved in multiple activities. That is one of the great things about being in a small school, you can be a multi-sport athlete.

What do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy going to the beach, going to different concerts, and cooking. I also just love traveling in general. We have visited 30 states and hope to see all 50.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Definitely building relationships with my students. I want so much to see them become successful people in life. One of the greatest parts of my job is knowing that I have some small impact on my students' lives.

Hopefully, they will look back one day and be thankful for the time that we spent together growing and learning.

What is the one thing you hope your students learn from you? That it costs nothing to be kind. I tell them all the time, "If you can't be anything else, you can be kind." This is something that I want them to always reflect on. We don't have to agree with everyone or everything in this life in order to show kindness.

Also, I tell them all the time to MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

What is your favorite quote? I actually have two!

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples. Mother Teresa

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou

the great activities and news from EHS.

From important events to important people, students in Mrs. Wright's class will be sharing the latest EHS news every second and fourth week of the month for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

Student-Athlete Spotlight

by *Izaiah Johnson and Ty Sieving*

What sports do you play at EHS and for how long? I have played basketball for 4 years.

What is your favorite part of being on a team at EHS? Being victorious with my team.

What is some advice you would give to younger players? My advice to younger players is to stay consistent and work hard.

Who is your role model and why? Kobe Bryant and his dedication because



Yada Caldwell

Senior, age 18

he would never settle for a loss, and even when he felt like giving up, he didn't.

Lady Tigers win Class 1A, Area 2 tourney

by *Izaiah Johnson & Jah'Haire Walker*

The Elba Lady Tigers recently competed in the class 1A, Area 2 tournament. They played the Florala Lady Wildcats and defeated them 58-40 by becoming the area champions.

The Lady Tigers were set to play Thursday, Feb. 16, in Montgomery at the Garrett Coliseum for the Regional semi-final game.

LEGAL NOTICES:

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CITY OF ELBA REQUESTS FOR ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Elba is accepting Requests for Qualifications from qualified engineering firms to provide professional engineering services for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development (ED) project.

The scope and services desired shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

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CDBG Post-Application Phase, if applicable:
1. Design and Specifications including bid alternates;

2. Preparation of Bid Documents, Bid Advertisements, Bid Openings;

3. Conduct Pre-Bid and Preconstruction Meetings; and

4. Engineering observation during construction work to completion to possibly include preparing change orders and/or amendment paperwork, if applicable.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE LEE SHAW, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2022-083

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Betty L. Shiver, on the 14th of February, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

1. Recent specialized experience in CDBG projects;

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4. Capability to meet schedules and deadlines; and

5. Familiarity with City's existing needs.

Proposals are being requested in accordance with Common Rule.

/s/ Betty L. Shiver
Betty L. Shiver, Executrix
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Maybe I can be a reading coach. I am still a little leery to try and help our grandson Lawson with his math homework, but one afternoon last week I was assigned to help with a reading passage, and since it was relatively short I got him to read it aloud to me and then I read it aloud to him before we sat down and discussed what we had read. Hey, the next day at school he made 100 on his reading test. At least for one day 'ole granddaddy and Lawson worked well together.

For what it is worth

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their season end last week* with a loss in the semifinals of the area tournament, and while it was a disappointing end to the season, the Tigers rolled up 17 wins and set the foundation for teams to follow as they posted a winning season for the first time in quite some time. Back before the season started no one really knew what to expect, but after a slow start the team began to jell and with a different unsung hero stepping forward almost every night a team was born that returned Elba to its winning ways of the past. Coach Prestwood had to push aside some of his beliefs to instill an offense and defense that wasn't always pretty, but was one in that gave the players their best chance at winning, and he and his team is to be congratulated for the making basketball fun to watch, again.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record* against area opponents to 10-0 last week with a stroll through the area tournament that improved their overall record to 22-6 and kept the Lady Tigers circled statewide as a team to keep an eye on. The Elba girls dominated from start to finish in a win over county rival Kinston, then refused to allow their fans to leave early in the finals as they waited until the second half to put their foot on the gas and raced to another big win. Much like the boys, the Lady Tigers were pretty much an unknown quantity before the season began, but quickly came together after a slow start and never looked back as they moved into the statewide rankings and never left. Some nights it is hard to really understand what we actually witness from the Lady Tigers, but one thing that is understood is they know how to win.

*** *The area tournaments are now in the books* and it was an exciting week of basketball action as the Brantley Bulldogs won their area tournament, while the Zion Chapel Rebels and New Brockton Lady Gamecocks both advanced with runner-up finishes. Brantley had to travel for its area tourney after losing a coin flip to Florala, but made it clear the Bulldogs were the top team in the event as they posted two impressive wins. Zion Chapel stunned Luverne in its area tourney to earn a spot in the sub-region field and proved what I had been saying all season long that the Rebels could beat any team on their schedule on any given night and played as hard as any team in the state for all four quarters. New Brockton snapped a long losing streak early in the season and added a little icing on the cake as the Lady Gamecocks advanced to the area finals to punch their ticket to the sub-region round. The three teams that earned the right to move on all deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and dedication, but the same can also be said about the area teams that didn't make it out of the area. Among the boys, Kinston had a successful season and always battled until the final horn, while New Brockton began the road back to being winners on the court and set the foundation for seasons to come. Over with the girls, Brantley was young, but was always ready for the challenge and was a team no one really wanted to play, while Zion Chapel won some games late in the season and probably improved more than any team around, and Kinston played a very competitive schedule, but never backed down and made their fans proud. Don't believe the records, there were no losers in the area this season!

*** *I have to admit I was less than excited* last week when the news broke out of Tuscaloosa that Tommy Rees had been named the new offensive coordinator at Alabama and Kevin Steele had been named the new defensive coordinator. I was hoping the Tide would make a splash with the hires and get coordinators that would pump new life into the program, but in my opinion both were brought in to simply say "Yes Sir" to Nick Saban, and it looks like Saban wants to have as much say about the offense as the defense. Despite scoring almost fifty points a game ever since Lane Kiffin was hired years ago, Saban never really liked the spread offensive style and wanted to run the ball more. No doubt Rees will do just what his coach wants and will attempt to turn the Tide into a running team, despite having a roster filled with speedy receivers and light, shift running backs. Over on defense, Steele is simply a retreat that will be making his third stop at Tuscaloosa and will be looking to make it his final stop as he nears retirement age. I hope the Tide rises again and Bama wins a conference and national title. However, I think Saban is just trying to prove that his way is what is best way at Bama and will do it his way as long as he is in charge.

*** *Last week was a made for TV weekend* with the NFL hosting a 'flag football' game for its league all-stars and NASCAR staging a race inside an aged football stadium to give fans a break from what I guess was supposed to be a music concert. The NFL found out long ago that while none of its players wanted to compete in a 'Pro Bowl,' it could still sell millions of dollars in commercials even if the game was a joke. As for NASCAR, a race in which cars speed around a short track at 50 mph and can't pass without contact is also a joke. Maybe next year ESPN will televise live balloon races from China.

Improve record to 22-6

Lady Tigers win area tournament

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their dominance over area foes and added the area tournament title to their regular season crown with a pair of impressive wins last week at the Class 1A, Area 2 Basketball Tournament, in Elba.

Following is recap of the two tournament wins that improved Elba's record to 22-6:

Elba 63 Kinston 28

The Elba Lady Tigers never trailed in a dominating 63-28 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, in semifinal action.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 lead behind the scoring of A'Lyric Whitfield, and while Kinston did pull within 4-3 with 5:31 left in the first quarter on a three-pointer by Rachel Hall, the Lady Tigers used a 9-0 run to stretch their lead to 13-3 and carried a 20-8 lead into the second stanza. Whitfield sparked a 6-0 run to open the second quarter as Elba's lead ballooned to 26-8, and the Lady Tigers outscored Kinston 9-4 in the closing minutes to open up a 40-17 halftime bulge.

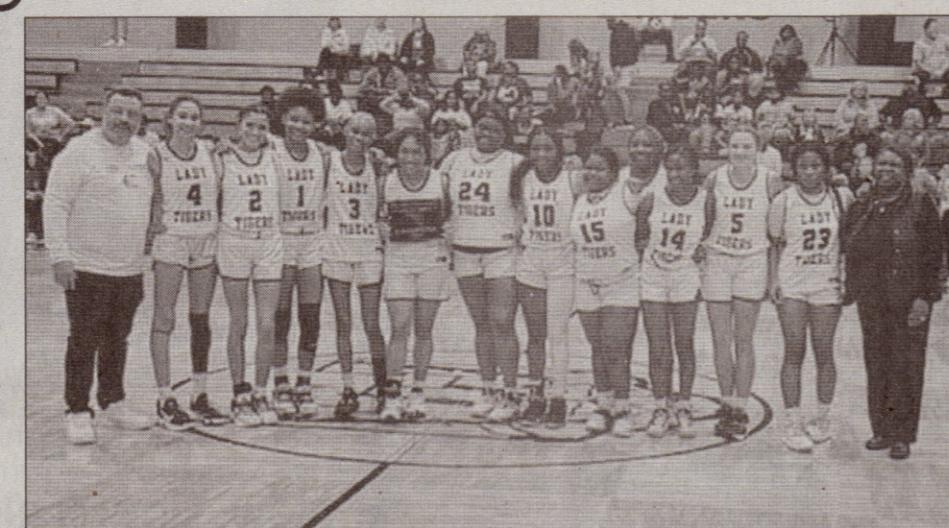
The Elba lead continued to grow early in the third quarter behind the play of Tajah Purvis and reached 46-17 with 3:21 left in the quarter, while Whitfield added nine points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Tigers posted the impressive 63-28 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 37 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ana Caldwell 7, Tajah Purvis 6, Ny'Asia McCollough 4, Kendra Juarez 3, Deedee Lockett 2, Sydney Siler 2, Yada Caldwell 2 and Alayvia Stinson 2.

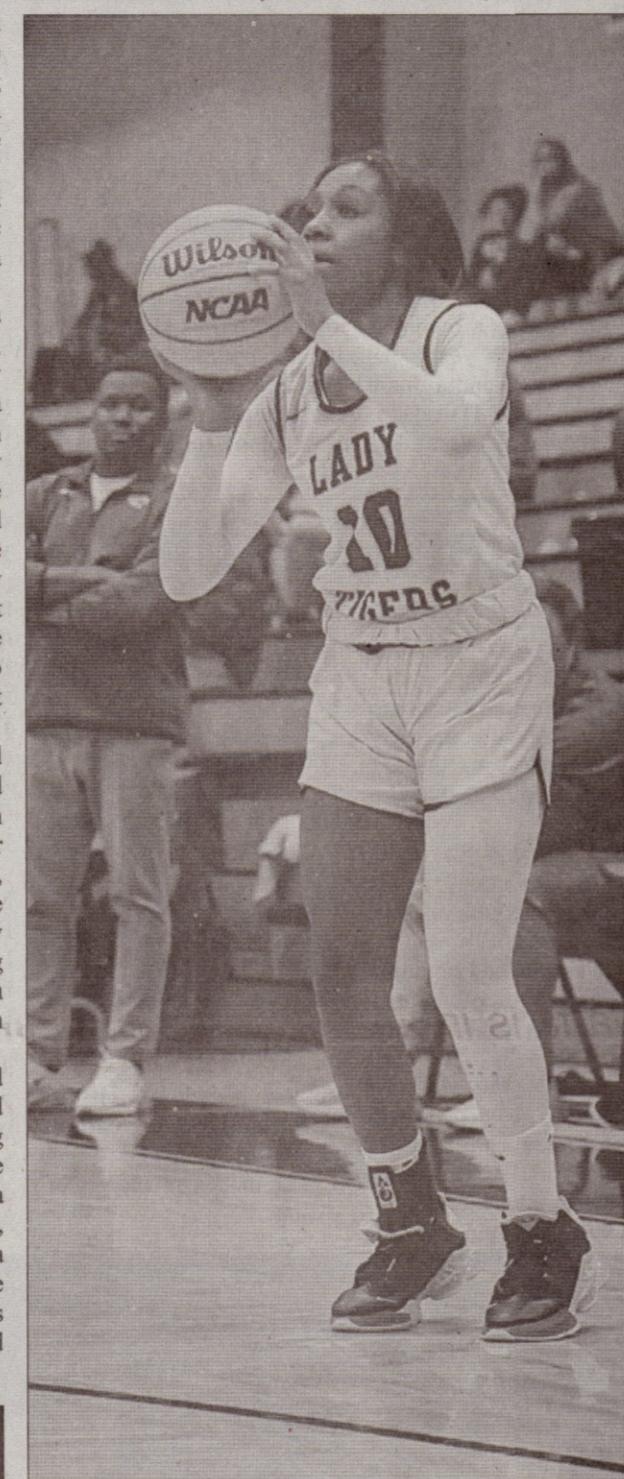
Kaley Norris scored 17 points to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Maggie Martin 6, Rachel Hall 3 and Lauren Norris 2.

Elba 58 Florala 40

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead late in the



ELBA LADY TIGERS - CLASS 1A, AREA 2 CHAMPIONS



Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield (10) eyes the basket from behind the arc in a win over Florala.

Photo by BC Sports Photography

* Baseball * Softball *
SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 16

(Softball)

Straughn at Zion

Chapel JV-V

(Baseball)

Elba JV at Luverne JV

(DH)

Houston Academy at New Brockton V

New Brockton JV at Zion Chapel JV

Kinston at Red Level JV-V

Friday, Feb. 17

(Softball)

Elba JV, at Ozark

Tournament

(Baseball)

Kinston at Charles

Henderson

Highland Home JV at

Zion Chapel JV (DH)

Saturday, Feb. 18

(Softball)

Elba JV, at Ozark

Tournament

(Baseball)

Elba at Samson JV-V

Tuesday, Feb. 21

(Softball)

Geneva County at New Brockton JV-V

Slocomb at Zion Chapel JV-V

(Baseball)

Florala JV at Elba JV

(DH)

Carroll at New Brockton JV-V

Kinston JV at Geneva

County JV (DH)

Thursday, Feb. 23

(Softball)

Emmanuel Christian at Kinston V

(Baseball)

Elba at Geneva JV-V

New Brockton at Zion

Chapel JV-V

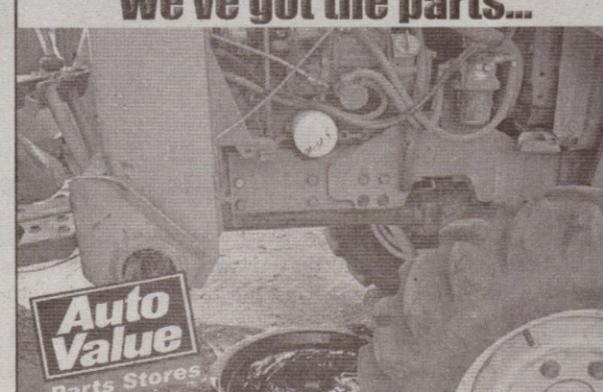
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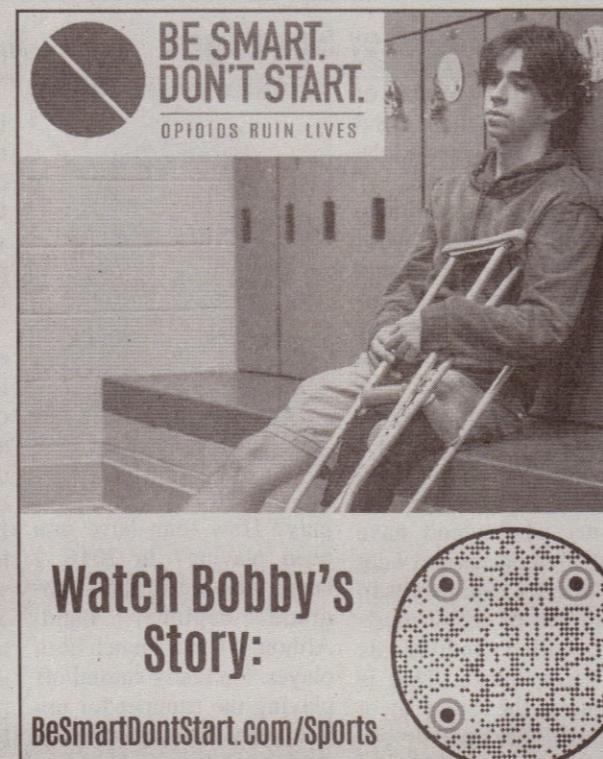
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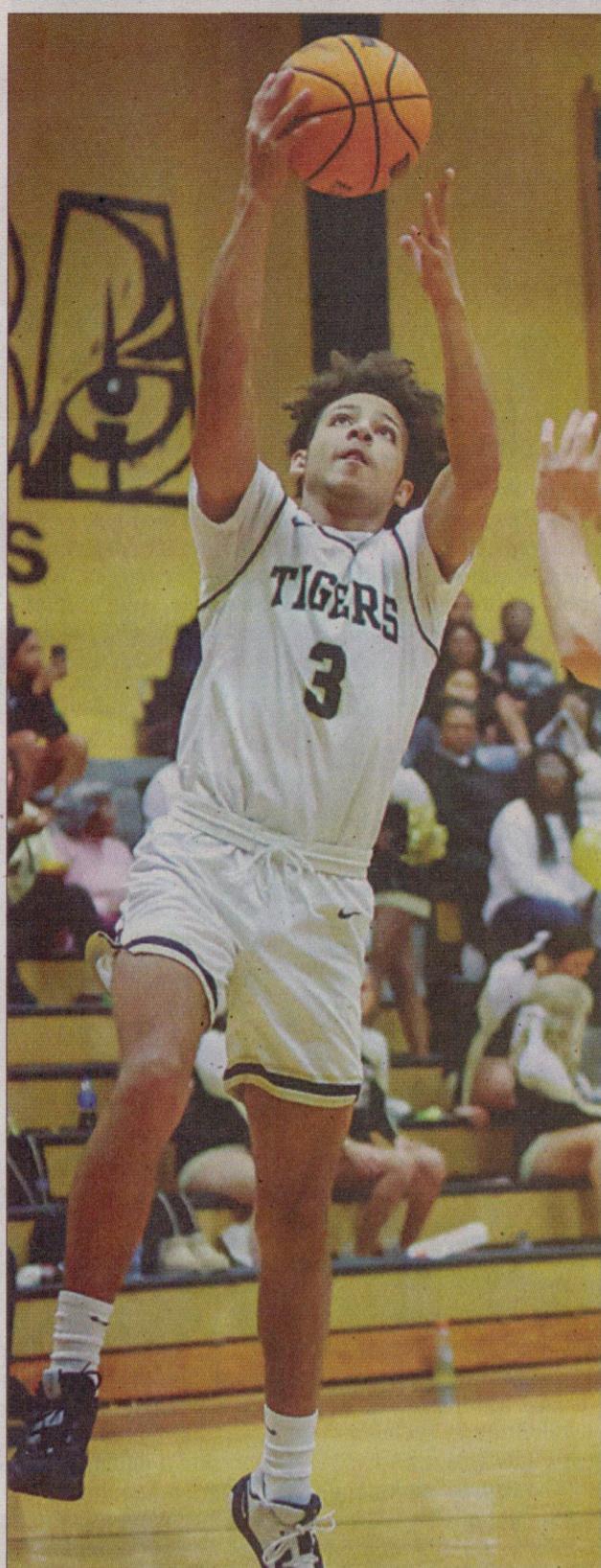
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Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (3) drives to the basket. Elba closed the season with a 17-14 record.

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Elba falls in semifinals, ends season with 17-14 record

The Elba Tigers posted a big 63-30 win over Houston County to advance to the second round of the Class 1A, Area 2 Basketball Tournament, but saw a combination of missed free throws and turnovers spoil an upset bid in the semifinals in a 51-37 loss to Flora as the Tigers closed the season with a 17-14 record.

Following is a recap of the tournament action:

Elba 63 Houston Co. 30

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and pulled away in the second half to down the Houston County Lions 63-30, in opening round action.

Elba came out ready to play and behind the play of Alvin Henderson raced out to an 11-0 lead with 3:27 remaining in the quarter, but failed to score the rest of the stanza as the Lions rallied to pull even at 11-11 heading into the second quarter. Jacob Watkins ignited a 7-0 run early in the quarter to help the Tigers take a 20-13 lead, and at the half Elba went in with a 28-19 advantage.

Jacob Watkins scored the Tigers first 11 points of the third quarter as Elba stretched its lead to 37-21 midway through the stanza, while Cayden Adkins closed the quarter with four points as the Tigers carried a big 47-26 lead into the final stanza. Houston County managed only four points in the fourth quarter as its shots failed to fall, but the Tigers never slowed down and Cody Gray scored seven points in the stanza as Elba pulled away and posted the 63-30 win.

Jacob Watkins scored 18 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cody Gray 12, Cayden Adkins 11, JT Coleman 4, Alvin Henderson 4, Cameron Gray 4, Ty Sieving 4, Jamal Siler 4 and Taylor Purvis 2. DJ Jones scored 8 points to lead Houston County.

Battles along the TOURNAMENT TRAIL

BOYS:



Class 2A, Area 4

Zion Chapel shocks Luverne 70-55

The Zion Chapel Rebels avenged a pair of regular season losses by knocking off the Luverne Tigers 70-55, in semifinal tournament action. Jacob Chestnut scored 26 points to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 17 in the dominant win over the second seed Tigers.

Rebels rocked by Highland Home 60-32

The Zion Chapel were forced to settle for runner up honors as they lost to Highland Home 60-32, in the tournament finals, at Highland Home. Slade Grantham scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Jacob Chestnut and Layton Grantham added 7 points, apiece. JJ Faulk scored 16 points to lead the Flying Squadron.



Class 1A, Area 2

Brantley Bulldogs clip Kinston 59-38

The Brantley Bulldogs kept their season alive with an impressive 59-38 semifinal win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Jayden Parks scored 25 points to lead Brantley, while Jordan Parks added 13 and Keldric Brown scored 8 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Brantley Bulldogs flatten Flora 53-45

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed the area tournament title and improved their record to 23-3 with an exciting 53-45 win over the Flora Wildcats, in the tourney finals, at Flora. Jayden Parks scored 29 points to lead the Bulldogs.

GIRLS:



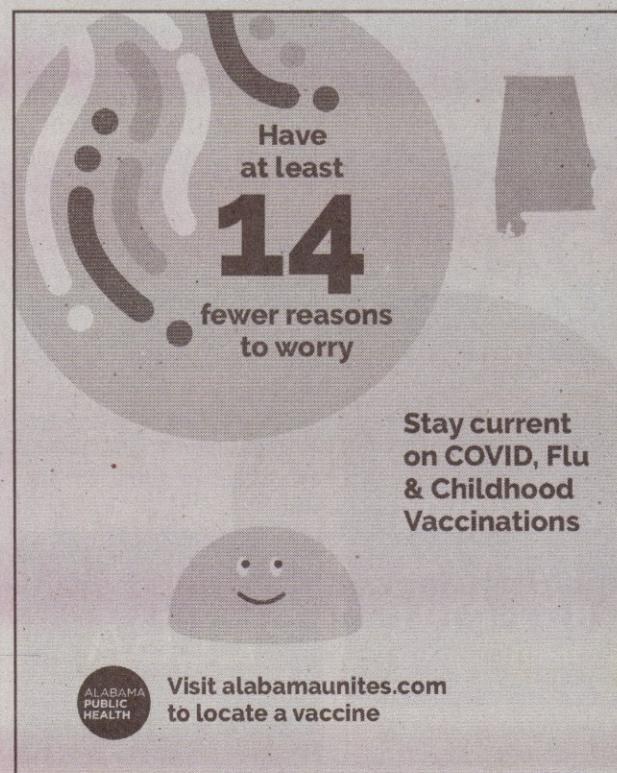
Class 3A, Area 4

Lady Gamecocks rally past Opp 33-29

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rallied from a 19-3 third quarter deficit to knock off the Opp Lady Bobcats 33-29. Reese Eddins scored 12 points and Gabby Eubanks added 10 to lead New Brockton, while Vanessa Stoudemire led Opp with 12 points and 5 rebounds.

Lady Gamecocks fall in finals 63-23

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply outgunned in a 63-23 loss to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, in the finals of the tournament. Reese Eddins scored 8 points to lead New Brockton, while Amity



White and Auriel Moultry both scored 14 points to lead Pike County

Class 2A, Area 4

Zion Chapel rolls past Pike Lib 43-34

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels led all the way in a 43-34 opening round win over the Pike Liberal Arts Lady Patriots. Shea Wambles scored 17 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Mari Cason Prescott added 10 and Madison Meeks scored 9.

Lady Rebels fall to Luverne 55-31

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 55-31 semifinal loss to the undefeated Luverne Lady Tigers. Shea Wambles scored 18 points to lead the Lady Rebels, which saw a late-season surge end in the loss.

Class 1A, Area 2

Kinston outscores Houston Co. 34-27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs overcame a slow start and had to battle for all four quarters to defeat the Houston County Lady Lions 34-27. Kinston trailed 6-3 after one quarter, but rallied to sneak ahead 12-9 at the Half and turned back a late Lady Lion rally to post the win. Kaley Norris scored 10 points and Lauren Norris added 9 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while also scoring for Kinston were Maggie Martin 4, Lilli Sumblin 4, and Camdyn Norris 4. Diamond Ealy-Carter led Houston County with 20 points.

Lady Bulldogs ousted by Elba 63-28

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season end with a 63-28 semifinal loss to the Elba Lady Tigers. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 40-17 at the half and never challenged in the tournament loss. Kaley Norris scored 17 points to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Maggie Martin 6, Rachel Hall 3 and Lauren Norris 2. A'Lyric Whitfield scored 37 points to lead Elba.

Brantley season ends with tourney loss

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw their season come to an end with a hard fought 45-40 semifinal loss to the Flora Lady Wildcats. Brantley had a hard time getting anything to fall in the first quarter and fell behind 10-4, and saw its scoring woes continue in the second stanza as the Lady Wildcats carried a big 22-9 lead in at the half. The Lady Bulldogs rallied in the third quarter and pulled within 32-29 by the end of the quarter, but could get no closer and saw their season end with the tournament loss. AC Free and Alex Grimes both scored 13 points to lead Brantley, while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Coco Stamps 11 and Desiree Stevens 4.

Stay on the 'Tournament Trail' with the Elba Lady Tigers, New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, Brantley Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels as they march toward a trip to the "Super 7" in Birmingham.

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The Kinston 10U Boys claimed the Pea River Youth Basketball League's tourney championship last weekend in Elba. The Kinston boys defeated Elba in the finals to win the tournament. Team members pictured above include: (front, left to right) Tucker Tinsley, Luke Driggers, Reid Hawthorne, Layne Jones, and Weston Berry; (middle, left to right) Angelito Sessions, Boston Riley, Levi Nicometo, Connor Dean, Luke Carnley, and Jace Weeks; (back) Coaches Anthony Weeks, and Wesley Riley.



The Kinston 12U Boys claimed the Pea River Youth Basketball League's tourney championship last weekend in Elba. The Kinston boys defeated Elba in the finals to win the tournament. Team members pictured above include: (front, left to right) Coach Lucas Simmons, Jacob Fitzpatrick, Rylen Hawthorne, Jackson Cowen, Parker Weeks, Ryan Blair and John David Weeks; (back, left to right) Coach Tyler Simmons, Evan Hilburn, Easton Parker, Triston Kilpatrick, Cody Jack Wilson, Jon Simmons, Zavory Stanley, Maverick Owens, and Coach Anthony Weeks.



The Elba 10U Boys earned the runner-up trophy last weekend during the Pea River Youth Basketball Tournament, hosted by Elba Parks and Recreation at the Elba High School gym. Team members pictured above included (front, left to right): Kaiden Hall, Chase Coleman, Jacks Bane, Cooper Holley, Kylan Carpenter, Jaysy Williams, Brayson Coppage, Carter Mitchell, Christian Johnson, Kimorion Lane, Jeremiah Melton, Kaiden Hall, and Stryker McCord; (back) Coaches Bradley Bane, Will Love, and Richmond Singletary.



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Zion Chapel's Padgett/Young bass fishing team gets taste of Florida's Harris Chain of Lakes

A new and challenging adventure awaited the Zion Chapel Bass Team the weekend of January 27, 28, and 29 of 2023. Their first tournament of the year was quite different from any in the past.

During the past three seasons, they have fished outside of the state of Alabama only once, NATIONALS at Lake Chickamauga, Tennessee. Avery Padgett and Ethan Young were excited to be one of 25 Alabama teams to compete in the Strike King Lure Company BASSMASTER Open Series at the Harris Chain of Lakes in Leesburg, Florida, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

The Harris Chain of Lakes in Lake and Orange Counties, Florida, is composed of eight primary lakes (Apopka, Harris, Griffin, Eustis, Dora, Beauclair, Carlton, and Yale) totaling approximately 75,000 acres. Located northwest of Orlando, the Harris Chain of Lakes offers excellent fishing opportunities for all anglers with over 30 public boat ramps and numerous public fishing piers.

This was the first BASSMASTER Open Tournament for the 2023 season. Teams representing 15 states were among the 144 teams registered.

As Avery Padgett said, he and Ethan Young got their first taste of the chain.

"She definitely wasn't



Zion Chapel's Ethan Young and Avery Padgett show off their five fish caught from the Harris Chain of Lakes in Lake and Orange Counties, Florida during a recent out-of-state tournament.

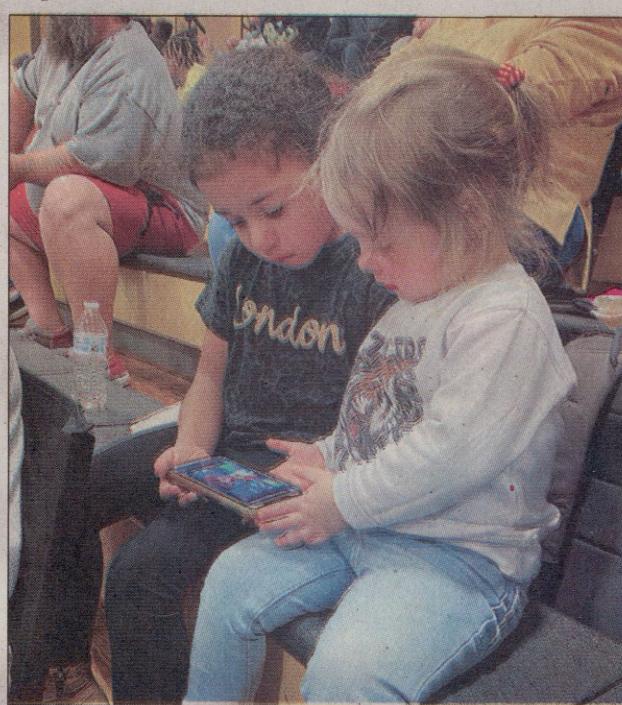
easy on us after only catching one keeper in practice, but we managed to snatch five keepers on Sunday," said Padgett.

Team Padgett and Young finished 65th out of 144 boats; 41 boats did not even weigh in. Of course, the top teams were all from Florida who were finishing on their own turf.

Although the ZC team missed the cut for NATIONALS by only a couple of pounds, this was a com-

mandable showing for their first time on this series of lakes. Padgett declared this was a good experience for a new place and thanked his dad for being their captain on these uncharted waters.

The ZC Bass Team was back on the BASS Nation Tiger Division Trail February 11, 2023, at Lake Eufaula, and they will fish the BASSMASTER Open Tournament February 25 at Lay Lake, Clanton, Alabama.



LADY TIGER AND COCOMELON FANS... London Grantham and Byrdie Forbes enjoyed watching the Elba Lady Tigers win their Sub-Region basketball playoff game Monday evening, Feb. 13, at the Elba High School gym; however, they also found time to watch an episode of Cocomelon as the Lady Tigers pulled away late in game for the win.

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